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## **DOE AUTHORIZES NEW CONTRACTOR TO ASSUME LIQUID WASTE OPERATIONS AT SRS**

AIKEN, S.C. – On June 30, 2009, the U.S. Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) Manager Jeffrey M. Allison and the Savannah River Remediation, LLC (SRR) President Jim French signed the final documents authorizing SRR to assume the duties as liquid waste operations contractor at DOE's Savannah River Site (SRS) on July 1.

DOE awarded SRR the liquid waste contract on December 8, 2008. A 3-month transition period began on March 30, 2009.

At 12:01 AM on July 1, 2009, SRR takes over as the new liquid waste contractor, replacing Washington Savannah River Company (WSRC), who operated the Site's radioactive liquid waste program at SRS for nearly two decades prior.

"Today a new era begins at SRS as Savannah River Remediation takes the liquid waste operations helm. It is the hard work, skill, and commitment of the Site's federal oversight and contractor workforce that brings us to this successful juncture," said Mr. Allison. "We are confident that SRR is committed to the Department of Energy's number one risk reduction priority . . . the safe and aggressive closure of SRS waste tanks. I look forward to working with SRR to continue delivering real progress and results that establish SRS as the benchmark of success in the DOE liquid waste community. As we move forward together to achieve our critical cleanup responsibilities, our primary objectives will be an unwavering pledge to safety; protection of our employees, the public, and the environment; and good stewardship of Federal resources."

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Acknowledging the commitment to close 22 of the Site's oldest tanks, SRR President and Project Manager Jim French stated his team is up to the challenge.

"We have assembled a team of partners who are experts in the nuclear industry when it comes to maximizing output and closing tanks," French said. "Most importantly, we have a workforce that has proven experience in liquid waste operations and safe performance. I look forward to leading this team and helping to position SRS for the future."

A document signing ceremony was held June 30 signifying the liquid waste contract exchange from WSRC to SRR. All liquid waste employees gathered to witness the signing.

The new liquid waste contract is a cost-plus award-fee contract valued at approximately \$3.3 billion over the entire contract, consisting of a base period of six years, plus an option to extend for up to two additional years. The six-year base period of the contract is July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2015.

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**Note To Editors: Outline for Signing Ceremony Photo**

**SRR Takes Over Liquid Waste Operations**

Documents were signed during a ceremony June 30 that officially turned the SRS Liquid Waste Operations over to Savannah River Remediation (SRR). Signing documents were (from left) DOE-SR Manager Jeff Allison and SRR President and Project Manager Jim French. SRR officially assumed the responsibilities as the new liquid waste contractor at SRS on July 1, 2009.